

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
November 12, 2013

Town Clerk Mary Stanton called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt  
Excused: Kochenburger

II. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. Election of Mayor

Town Clerk Mary Stanton called for nominations for the position of Mayor. Mr. Ryan nominated Elizabeth Paterson. Ms. Wassmundt nominated Bill Ryan, who declined the nomination. Ms. Raymond nominated Paul Shapiro, who also declined the nomination. Hearing no other nominations the Town Clerk called for a vote. The nomination of Ms. Paterson was approved with all in favor except Ms. Raymond who abstained.

2. Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Paterson asked for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Ryan nominated Paul Shapiro. Seconded by Ms. Moran the motion passed unanimously.

3. Town Council Rules of Procedures

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the following resolutions:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that under the authority of Section C302 of the Town Charter, the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield does hereby adopt as its rules of procedure the Town of Mansfield Town Council Rules of Procedure, dated November 12, 2013. These rules are in effect for the term of office of the Town Council, or until revised, and shall be adopted by the Town Council at the organizational meeting. Procedural matters not covered by the Town Charter or these Rules of Procedure will be determined by the Mayor, or by the Deputy Mayor in the absence of the Mayor, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Members discussed possible changes to the rules of procedures and the advisability of referring the existing rules to the Personnel Committee for review.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wassmundt, who voted in opposition.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to refer the Town Council Rules of Procedures to the Personnel Committee for review and to make recommendations for changes to the Council, as a whole.

Motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wassmundt, who voted in opposition.

4. Meetings of the Town Council

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolutions:  
RESOLVED: Pursuant to Section C302 of the Town Charter, the Town Council shall meet regularly on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building. The schedule of meetings for 2014, as provided by the Town Clerk, is hereby approved.

RESOLVED: Pursuant to Section C302 of the Town Charter the Town Council shall provide methods for the calling of special meetings. Special meetings of the Town Council may be called by the Mayor, or on the written request of at least three members of the Council, filed with the offices of the Town Manager and Town Clerk not less than 36 hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, legal holidays and any day on which the Office of the Town Clerk is officially closed) in advance of such meeting, which request must

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specify the date and time and business to be transacted, and copies of this notice shall be served by mail or personally upon each Council member and the Town Manager or left at their usual place of abode at least 24 hours prior thereto.

RESOLVED: Emergency Special Meetings may be called by the Mayor or the Town Manager in case of an emergency with at least two hours notice given to Council members, without complying with the posting of notice requirement, but a copy of the minutes of every such Emergency Special Meeting shall be filed with the Town Clerk not later than 72 hours following the holding of such meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, C.G.S. section 1-225 (d).  
The motion passed unanimously.

5. Appointment to Standing Council Committees

Mayor Paterson made the following appointments to the Standing Council Committees:  
Personnel Committee: Toni Moran (Chair), Alex Marcellino, Betty Wassmundt  
Committee on Committees: Peter Kochenburger (Chair), Stephen Kegler, Toni Moran  
Finance Committee: Bill Ryan (Chair), Paul Shapiro, Virginia Raymond.

The Mayor requested Council members let her know of their interest in serving on other committees. The Town Clerk will send out a list of committee charges, membership requirements and meeting times to members. Ms. Moran requested an appointment to the University Town Relations Committee and Mr. Ryan requested an appointment to the Four Corners Water and Sewer Committee.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Wassmundt moved to add Agenda 5a, Appointment to Ad Hoc Committees, to the agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously.

5a. Appointment to Ad Hoc Committees

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded that the Ad Hoc Committee on Responsible Contracting be comprised of herself, Mayor Paterson and Ms. Wassmundt.  
The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Kegler, Mr. Marcellino, Ms. Raymond, and Ms. Wassmundt who abstained.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Kegler, Mr. Marcellino, Ms. Raymond, and Ms. Wassmundt who abstained.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

6. Amendments to the Ordinance Regarding Residential Rental Parking

The Town Clerk read the legal notice. Director of Building and Housing Mike Nintean outlined the proposed amendments.

Brian Coleman, Centre Street, objected to the ordinance and government control of private property. (Statement attached)

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, asked if the appeal process involved the Town Attorney and, if so, is the cost included in his contract.

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, agreed with Mr. Coleman and stated that he feels the ordinance is ridiculous.

Ed Hall, Old Mansfield Hollow Road, also agreed with Mr. Coleman and commented on a traffic hazard in his neighborhood involving tenants parking on the road.

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Tony Kotula, Maple Road, thanked the Council and the Town Manager for their participation in the "Celebrating our Living and Remembering our Fallen" Veterans event last Friday. Mr. Kotula reviewed highlights of the day and requested Council members support a line item in the budget to support future Veterans Day events. (Statement attached)

Chris Paulhus, Middle Turnpike, congratulated the new Council members and urged all members to work together, be respectful, and act professionally for the good of the Town. Mr. Paulhus also expressed support for Mr. Kotula's suggestion. Mayor Paterson thanked Mr. Paulhus for his ten year tenure on the Council.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, asked if the number of students reported in Sgt. Cournoyer's report last meeting has been confirmed and if the Town is working with UConn to address the issue of roving students. Mr. Smith also asked if deforestation has affected the number of vehicle accidents with deer and if any studies have been done or actions taken. He also raised questions about Connecticut Water Works (CWC) use of ozone treatment in water purification and the use of membrane ultrafiltration technology to improve water quality.

#### VI. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Matt Hart offered his congratulations to Town Council members. A plaque is being prepared for Mr. Freudmann who will be invited to a future meeting. Mr. Hart also thanked those who planned and executed the Veterans Day event.

In addition to his written comments the Town Manager offered the following comments:

- The Town Attorney advises and reviews issues regarding the ordinance appeal process as part of his contract with the Town. Under the terms of the contract the Town Attorney does have the right to invoice the Town if an appeal goes to court, but typically does not.
- The provided number of roving students is the best estimate based on State Police and UConn Police observations. The Town and UConn are working together on many levels to address the issue.
- The Town Manager will provide information, if available, regarding the increase in the deer population.
- Questions regarding CWC will be referred to staff.

#### VII. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson thanked Mr. Kotula for his efforts in planning the Veterans Day event, noting that it was a very moving ceremony. The Mayor also recently attended an Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Mr. Shapiro extended a personal note to Mr. Freudmann saying that although he did not agree with him on many issues, he considers him a friend and wishes him a speedy recovery from his broken arm.

Ms. Wassmundt asked if a request for proposals will be issued for the contract for the town attorney. The Mayor commented that the contract will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council. In response to a question from Ms. Wassmundt, the Town Manager will confirm whether or not town employees were working on the sidewalk in front of E. O. Smith.

In response to a question from Ms. Raymond concerning the condition of water holes in Town, the Town Manager replied that Chief Dagon is in the process of preparing a status report which will be presented to the Council.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

7. Amendments to the Ordinance Regarding Residential Rental Parking

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to suspend the Town Council Rules of Procedures and vote on the amendments to the Ordinance Regarding Residential Rental Parking.

The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Kegler, Ms. Raymond and Ms. Wassmundt who voted in opposition.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective November 12, 2013, to accept the proposed amendments to the Ordinance Regarding Residential Rental Parking, which amendments shall be effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield.

Members discussed the need for a fiscal impact analysis, the number of citations issued, the ordinance as an effective blight control measure, and the fact that the amendments would be less onerous on violators.

The motion to approve the amendments to the ordinance passed with all in favor except Ms. Raymond and Ms. Wassmundt, who voted in opposition.

#### 8. Storrs Center Update

Mr. Hart discussed Leyland Alliance plans to sell the commercial areas of the Storrs Center project and the obligations of the successors by interest both during the development and after completion.

Ms. Wassmundt requested the recording information for the agreement between the Town and the developer. Mr. Hart will provide this volume and page.

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

#### 9. Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective November 12, 2013, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on November 25, 2013, to solicit public comment regarding the Mansfield portion of the draft Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter explained that the draft plan under review, as presented by WINCOG, is actually the current plan with some revisions. In addition to the public comments offered, the draft will also be reviewed by staff.

Council members discussed the effect the COG consolidation will have on the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 10. Human Services Holiday Giving Programs

Director of Human Services Pat Schneider updated the Council on Human Services Holiday Giving Programs supported and sponsored by the Town, noting the generosity of the community.

### X. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

### XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No comment offered.

### XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATONS

11. T. Luciano (10/28/13)

12. M. Hart re: Next Generation Connecticut Initiative

13. United States Department of the Interior re: Endangered Species Act

14. State of Connecticut Department of Correction re: Population Counts

15. State of Connecticut Siting Council re: Docket No. 424

16. University of Connecticut re: Corridors to UConn: Sustainable Intermodal Study

### XIII. FUTURE AGENDA

Ms. Wassmundt requested information on usage and costs associated with the Town's electrical charging station.

Ms. Raymond noted that the previously discussed report on the Town's water holes should be added as a future agenda item.

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Ms. Wassmundt requested a work session/open forum be held to discuss water issues. Included in this forum would be residents with expertise in various water supply areas. Members discussed possible meeting structures which would be permitted under the Council's rules of procedures, the role of CWC in any such forum, and the timing of the approval of the final agreement with CWC.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded that prior to a final decision being made the Town Council would schedule a public information session within the month following the submission of the draft definitive agreement with the intention of meeting the December deadline, if possible.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to move into executive session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(D) and to include Town Manager Matt Hart and Natural Resources Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(D)

Present: Kegler, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

Also present: Town Manager Matt Hart and Natural Resources Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened and a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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